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SUBJ: ROCKET ATTACK BIEN HOA 6 NOV (U)

1. BIEN HOA ENCOUNTERED 122 TYPE ROCKET ATTACK, APPROXIMATELY

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50 ROUNDS AT 0600 LOCAL 6 NOV, RESULTS OF THAT ATTACK

ARE ITEMIZED BELOW:

A. 3 EACH F-5 A TOTALLY DESTROYED. ALL 3 WERE WITHIN ONE ARMCOTYPE REVENMENT WHICH TOOK ONE ROUND. THE 3 AIRCRAFT WERE A PART OF THE 47 STORED F-5A'S.

B. 1 EACH F-5A RECEIVED VERY LIGHT DAMAGE WHICH WAS ALSO IN SAME REVENMENT ABOVE. FORTUNATELY, COL CARNELL AND THE VNAF WERE ABLE TO ROLL IT OUT OF THE WAY PRIOR TO THE EXTENSIVE FIRE DAMAGE RESULTING FROM THE EXPLOSION.

C. 2 EACH 01 AIRCRAFT RECEIVED LIGHT DAMAGE PARKED IN ANOTHER REVENMENT.

D. EAST RAMP JET ENG TEST STAND AREA TOOK ONE ROUND WHICH CAUSED MODERATE DAMAGE TO ONE J85-13 ENGINE IN A CONTAINER. THE RUNUP STAND ITSELF RECEIVED NUMEROUS SHRAPNEL INDENTATIONS, HOWEVER NONE COMPLETELY PENETRATING THE TRAILER. JP STORAGE CANS IN THE SAME AREA CAUGHT FIRE AND BURNED UP.

E. THE EAST RAMP ARMCOTYPE REVENMENTS CURRENTLY BEING USED TO STORE AND PROTECT AIRCRAFT ENGINES IN CANISTERS RECEIVED ONE ROUND. SHRAPNEL DAMAGE HAS BEEN VERIFIED TO ENGINE CANISTERS WITH ENGINES THEREIN WHICH CONSISTED OF 10 EACH C-119 ENGINES, 45CH47/UH1 TRANSMISSIONS AND 8 EACH SERVICEABLE CH47 ROTO BLADES. ESTIMATE OF DAMAGE NOT KNOWN AT THIS TIME. THIS APPRAISAL IS RESULT OF SHRAPNEL IN CANISTERS. EACH UNIT WILL HAVE TO BE INSPECTED TO VERIFY FIRM DAMAGE.

F. THE OPEN STORAGE AREA NEXT TO THE HOT RAMP CURRENTLY CONSISTING OF DRUMMED POL AND CHEMICALS RECEIVED ONE ROUND. DAMAGE WAS TO ABOUT 2 PALLET LOADS OF CHEMICALS IN THAT OPEN STORAGE AREA.

G. MOTOR POOL TOOK ONE ROUND. SHRAPNEL BROKE MANY WINDSHIELDS AND CONSIDERABLE SHRAPNEL DAMAGE TO 2 VEHICLES. EXTENSIVE DAMAGE ALSO ENCOUNTERED IN THE MOTOR POOL OFFICE BLDG.

H. THE NORTH RUNWAY TOOK ONE ROUND APPROXIMATELY 3,000 FT FROM THE WEST END.

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I. THE SOUTH RUNWAY TOOK ONE ROUND APPROXIMATELY IN THE MIDDLE. BOTH RUNWAYS RECEIVED HOT PATCHING AND WERE OPERATIONAL THREE HOURS AFTER THE ATTACK.

J. THE WEST END AIRCRAFT LAUNCH MARSHALLING AREA TOOK ONE ROUND.

2. FROM ALL INDICATIONS INBOUND 122 ROCKETS CAME FROM THE EAST,

NORTH AND NORTHWEST POSITIONS. ONE VNAF WIA.

3. FOR ADDED INFO MR III ARVN HQ AREA TOOK ABOUT ELEVEN ROUNDS
122 ROCKET. DESTROYED CONEX CONTAINER OF M-16 AMMO. DESTROYED FIVE
DEPENDENT HOUSES. LN CASUALTY 1 MILITARY KIA, 1 MILITARY WIA,
1 CIVILIAN KIA, 8 CIVILIAN WIA. ALSO, 81ST RANGER CP HQ TOOK ONE
ROUND. NO CASUALTIES. GDS 31 DEC 79 UNQTEMARTIN

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